

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A wrap comprising, an elastomeric band having a uniform width
2 substantially greater than its thickness, a retainer having a body defining a
3 notch for receiving widthwise a portion of said elastomeric band, a band
4 receiving portion of said notch, a first tab extending axially of said retainer
5 over said band receiving portion of said notch and defining a mouth portion
6 of said notch, wherein said mouth portion has a width less than the width
7 of said elastomeric band.
- 1 2. The wrap of claim 1, wherein said body has a second tab extending axially
2 toward but spaced from said first tab to define said mouth portion.
- 1 3. The wrap of claim 1 further comprising, a second notch located
2 substantially diametrically opposite said first notch.
- 1 4. The wrap of claim 3, wherein said first and second notches are symmetrical
2 about an axis of said body of said retainer.
- 1 5. The wrap of claim 1 further comprising, a second tab extending from said
2 body portion opposite said first tab, wherein said mouth portion is defined
3 between said first and second tabs.
- 1 6. The wrap of claim 5, wherein said first and second tabs extend equidistantly
2 from said body portion to define a substantially T-shaped notch.
- 1 7. The wrap of claim 5, further comprising a second notch having a mouth
2 defined by at least one tab that is less than said width of a side of said
3 elastomeric band, whereby one portion of said elastomeric band is received
4 within said first notch and another portion of said elastomeric band is
5 received in said second notch and radially retained by the respective tabs.

- 1 8. The wrap of claim 7, wherein said second notch includes a pair of spaced
2 tabs extending from said body portion to define said opening.
- 1 9. The wrap of claim 7, wherein said notches are symmetrical about an axially
2 extending centerline of said retainer.
- 1 10. A wrap comprising a continuous elastomeric band having a substantially
2 uniform width and having a substantial width to thickness ratio, a retainer
3 having an elongate body including a notch for receiving widthwise a portion
4 of said elastomeric band, a band receiving portion of said notch extending
5 transversely of said elongate body, a first tab extending axially over said
6 band receiving portion of said notch and defining a mouth portion of said
7 notch, said mouth portion having a width less than the width of said
8 elastomeric band.
- 1 11. The wrap of claim 10, wherein said body has a second tab extending axially
2 toward but spaced from said first tab to define said mouth portion.
- 1 12. The wrap of claim 10 further comprising, a second notch located
2 substantially diametrically opposite said first notch.
- 1 13. The wrap of claim 12, wherein said first and second notches are symmetrical
2 about an axis of said body of said retainer.
- 1 14. The wrap of claim 10 further comprising, a second tab extending from said
2 body portion opposite said first tab, wherein said mouth portion is defined
3 between said first and second tabs.
- 1 15. The wrap of claim 14, wherein said first and second tabs extend
2 equidistantly from said body portion to define a substantially T-shaped
3 notch.

- 1 16. The wrap of claim 14, further comprising a second notch having a mouth
2 defined by at least one tab that is less than the width of said elastomeric
3 band, whereby one portion of said elastomeric band is received within said
4 first notch and another portion of said elastomeric band is received in said
5 second notch and radially retained by the respective tabs.
- 1 17. The wrap of claim 10, wherein said retainer is substantially cylindrical.
- 1 18. The wrap of claim 10, wherein said notch is located substantially medially
2 of said elongate body.
- 1 19. A wrap comprising, an elastomeric band of uniform width adapted to be
2 folded over to form a first end loop and a second end loop, an elongate
3 retainer having a body defining a notch for receiving widthwise said first end
4 loop of said elastomeric band, a slot in said retainer located inward thereof,
5 and a mouth portion communicating with said slot and opening externally
6 of the retainer, said mouth portion having a width less than the width of the
7 elastomeric band, wherein said first end loop with said retainer is receivable
8 in said second end loop and held by said retainer to prevent separation of
9 said first end loop and said second end loop.